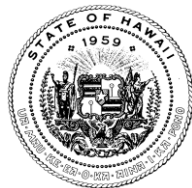


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April 1, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 505, H.D. 2 S.D. 1

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS &
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TITLE: RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION

DESCRIPTION: Appropriates funds for flood mitigation on various recurring flooded areas of the State due to heavy rains. Effective July 1, 2011.

POSITION: The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this Bill with reservations, so long as it is accompanied with an independent appropriation that does not impact the DOT's capital program budget and the priority of projects, therein.

SECTION 2. (1) Oahu,

SECTION 2. (3)(A) and SECTION 2. (3)(B): Kauai, and

SECTION 2. (4)(B), SECTION 2.(4)(C), SECTION 2.(4)(D): Maui

The appropriation of funds to prepare feasibility studies that include drainage improvement alternatives, costs associated with these alternatives will be most desirable. The results of the feasibility studies shall determine additional funds necessary for the design and construction of drainage improvement projects in these areas. Drainage improvements will not only alleviate flooding and improve road conditions during inclement weather but will reduce maintenance costs for the Highways Division.

SECTION 2. (2) Hawaii:

Design and Construction funds are already appropriated for the improvements at Kawa flats. The project is scheduled to be advertised for bid in August of 2012.

SECTION 2. (4)(A), SECTION 2. (4)(E), and SECTION 2. (4)(F): Maui

The DOT supports the appropriations of funds for flood mitigations in these areas. During periods of heavy rainfall, areas along Kahekili and Honoapiilani highways on Maui become inundated and causing potential hazards to passing motorists.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 8:44 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: l.batten@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB505 on 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM HB505

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lyn Batten
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: l.batten@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

Good morning Chairman English, Chair Espero, and members of the committee,

I am a resident from Waianae, Hawaii. I am also a student at HCC. During the last week of January there were very heavy rains which caused flooding in my neighborhood as well as Farrington Hwy. I do not own a car so I have to wake up at 4:30am every morning to catch the bus to school.

My neighborhood was flooded and I had to walk to the bus stop in about 5 inches of rain water, not to mention it was still raining! I thought I would be fine with my umbrella but by the time I got onto the bus I was drenched. It took us 2 hours just to get out of the Waianae Coast. As we finally crept out of Waianae, it took us another 2 hours to get to Down Town Honolulu. Buses are air-conditioned, so I froze the whole way and actually caught a cold.

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Respectfully submitted,
Lynn

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shayna
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Shaynachunfook@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

I understand the deficit that Hawaii is faced with, but our district really needs this. The last flood brought up many issues that have been put on the back burner for far too long. There was no alternate access out of the district, no emergency plan. The fact is that this is the livelihood of our people along the Waianae Coast. This problem of the most recent flood is due to the fact that certain duties are not being done and no one cares. It is a problem for us because we are the ones experiencing this neglect time after time. If this were to be a situation in Hawaii Kai or Waikiki, funds would be released immediately and the response for remediation would happen overnight. Livestock and farms have been ruined. The flooding reached over 6 feet in certain areas. Medical waste is still washing up on the shores and this could have been prevented. Why is it never a pro-active approach?

We cannot stress enough the frustrations that we feel because this is our Hawaii. Why are we so concerned with Homeless in Waikiki? Why can we not address the homeless problem that affects our whole island? Please support this bill. This is a priority problem that we much resolve asap!

THANK YOU!

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Lynn

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jalisa Meyers
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: J_JMAYO@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

I apologize that I was not able to attend this hearing, but I support House Bill 505. The rains in January caused traffic and havoc for the residents of Waianae. My community is infested with flies and mosquitoes due to all the flooding. This bill is very important. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,
Jalisa

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carver Joseph
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ckaleoj@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

Im sorry for not being able to make it to this mornings hearing , but I do support House Bill 505 relating to Flood Mitigation for Nanakuli, Maili, and Lualualei . This bill is very important for the residents of the Waianae Coast. There is only one way into and out of our Coast . It's bad enough that we don't have a second access road . I live in Maili and during the January rains, my entire road was flooded because there was no drainage on Farrington Hwy. This needs to be fixed immediately! Again, I support House Bill 505 . Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this bill .

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nathan McCloud
Organization: Individual
Address:
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E-mail: McNathan@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Darla Joseph
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Darlajo@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:
I support HB 505. Mahalo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:42 PM
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Cc: manogirl808@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kalei Halemano
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: manogirl808@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

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Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 8:46 AM
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeffery Chun Fook
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jcfook@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:
I SUPPORT HB505. FIX OUR ROADS!

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Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments: